sumables and spares may be authorised to open Bonded Warehouses in different parts of the country to supply such goods and materials off the shelf to the consumers. The recommendation of the Committee has been submitted to Ministry of Finance for their consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SINGAPORE CORRIDOR PROJECT IN MADRAS

3193. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken to implement the concept of Singapore corridor project in Madras;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing this project;

(c) what are the demands of the investors from Singapore to facilitate the implementation of this project ; and

(d) by when this project is likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) The Indo-Singapore Industrial Corridor (Madras Industrial Park) Project is still in its conceptual stage. To develop the concept, State Govt. of Tamil Nadu engaged the Consultants and a report prepared by them has been sent to the Singapore Economic Development Board for their consideration. At this stage, it is not possible to say as to when this Scheme would become operational.

TIE-UP BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY

3194. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation made by Swiss State Minister for Science and Technology in Madras recently that tie-ups between University and Industry should be strengthened ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House shortly.

ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGET FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

3195. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first quarter of the current financial year, indusrial production increased by meagre 0.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year;

(b) if so, what was the target fixed for industrial production during the current financial year;

(c) whether the target is likely to be achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) As per the latest estimates released by CSO the industrial sector recorded a growth of 1.8